

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION **READING FILE.**
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application)
of CONTINENTAL PIPE LINE COMPANY)
For An Order Authorizing An In-)
crease In Its Tariff Rates To)
Montana Delivery Points.)

UTILITY DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 81.5.54
DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4831

On May 18, 1981 the Continental Pipe Line Company (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order to authorize an increase in its rates because of increasing expenses and declining volumes. The increase proposed would yield an approximate 9.09% rate of return.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was sent to all of the Applicant's Montana customers on June 24, 1981.
2. The Notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by July 23, 1981 the Commission would consider the matter and a default order would be issued.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction, granted by Section 63-13-101, MCA, over the matters in this Docket.
2. The rates approved herein are reasonable, just and

proper.

ORDER

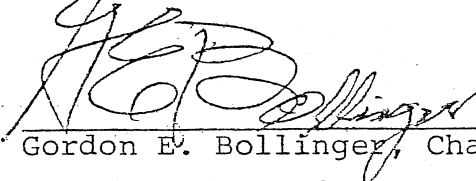
The following rates per barrel are authorized:

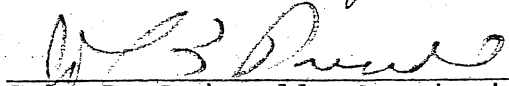
<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Cut Bank Station, Glacier County, Montana		45.00¢
Points on Continental Pipe Line Company's main gather- ing line in Petroleum, Rose- bud, Musselshell and Yellow- stone Counties, Montana	Billings and Laurel, Yellow- stone County, Montana	33.00¢

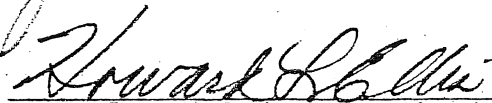
These rates will be effective for pipe line service rendered on and after July 27, 1981.

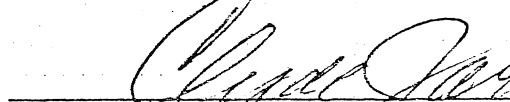
DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on July 27, 1981 by
a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

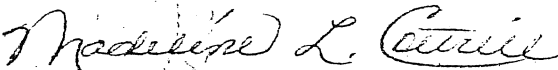

John B. Driscoll, Commissioner


Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner


Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner


Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Madeline L. Cottrill
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion For Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion For Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA, and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38.2.4806, ARM.